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The following paragraphs are statements made by Dr. Lothar Bohl,
 Chairman of the NDP National Democratic Party (NDP), at a meeting of
 the NDP Executive Committee in Leipzig at the end of January 1952:

1. The widespread rumors concerning the purposelessness of the NDP and
 its imminent dissolution have now been definitely quashed through a
 number of special assignments which the Party has just received.
 Actually, the NDP is fundamentally different from all other parties
 in the Soviet Zone in that it consists of a group of functionaries
 for definite political tasks. These tasks have now proven to be
 more important, for the time being at least, than those of the other
 parties.
2. The NDP's connection to the SED has always been different from that
 of the ODU and the LDP. The NDP could actually be considered an
 integral part of the SED. The NDP is a chosen organ for the presently
 important national objectives of the DDR. Until Germany's reunifica-
 tion, the NDP will enjoy the leading role in the political field,
 namely, the party which must address itself to the national, military
 instincts of Germany.
3. The rearmament of Western Germany, now being considered, presents the
 NDP with its major test. The Central Secretariat of the SED recently
 made this officially clear to the leadership of the NDP. The battle
 for West Germany now has very favorable prospects, since the disincli-
 nation to a defense contribution is now affecting ever broader strata
 of West German society. The decisive motto for the work of the NDP in
 West Germany is: "The Front Generation Will Not Fight for the USA".
4. The NDP has been assured complete freedom of movement, materially and
 in all other respects, during the course of carrying out this objective.
 All other political tasks will remain in abeyance during the next
 months. All methods of effecting connections with former soldiers,
 former Nazis, and former Hitler Jugend leaders in Western Germany must
 be continually explored. This entire political infiltration work has
 only one goal: to convince all nationalist groups in Western Germany
 that West German soldiers would be colonial troops of America.

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5. One of the principal goals of the NDP within the DDR must be that of so furthering the nationalist idea that the population increasingly gets the impression that national justice exists only on the side of the DDR. The Soviet Union has full trust in the DDR and its national functionaries in their mission of bringing the West German population along peaceful ways into the national path of the DDR, but the Soviets have clearly expressed their intention of giving the DDR physical support should it become necessary to force West Germany to accept the national idea. The coming months, up until late summer, will be the decisive months for all Germany. If by this time it is impossible to channel the resistance of West Germany to an American remilitarization into real deeds for a unified Germany, it will then be necessary to act.

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